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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM, EXPOSURE APPARATUS
INCORPORATING THIS PROJECTION OPTICAL SYSTEM, AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR MICRO DEVICES USING THE
EXPOSURE APPARATUS

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 55 pages, including 5 independent claims and 29 claims total.
2. Drawings - 12 sheets of formal drawings containing 14 figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to NIKON CORPORATION.
5. Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-160897, filed May 30, 2000.

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6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
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Applicant claims the right to priority based on Japanese Application No. 2000-160897, filed May 30, 2000.

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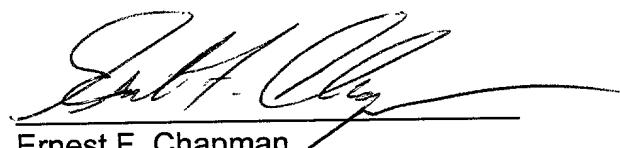
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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